



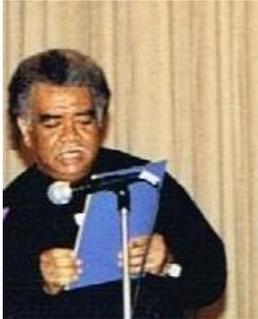
## June 2015 Newsletter

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# Maa Sa Akhi's New Website!!!

Maa Sa Akhi has a new website!  
Please visit our updated, stylish web  
page at [www.maasaakhi.org](http://www.maasaakhi.org).

**Spread the Word!**



### A Poem by Fred Alston

Stay in the Peace and scrutinize the  
score!  
Stay in the Peace and you'll see much  
more!  
Stay in the Peace, the sheet music  
explore!  
Stay in the Peace, my friend, I  
implore.  
Stay in the Peace, the light will shine.  
Stay in the Peace, the mysteries you'll  
find.  
Stay in the Peace and you will inherit  
your own Intelligence Divine.  
Whatever the stimulus,  
Let peace be the response... "Amen."  
...Peace Out... (Mentuhotep)

### Ser-t's Delicious Goodies

At Maa Sa Akhi there is no "Cookie  
Monster", but there is a Cookie Master  
and her name is Ser-t Hepausura. Her  
freshly baked chocolate chip cookies  
will rival Nabisco's Chips Ahoy any day  
and send them sailing. And sorry Amos  
you're not that famous. The same goes  
for her all natural popcorn. So watch  
out Orville Redenbacher There's a new  
kernel in town.

More importantly, all proceeds from  
these wholesome snacks go into an  
Honor Roll Fund for our students who  
make the Honor Roll. Ser-t is always  
eager to give back to the students for  
doing their best and Ser-t has raised  
over \$250 for the Honor Roll Fund!  
We thank you so much for your valued  
support!!

Peace and Blessings!!

### Dates To Remember:

Maa Sa Akhi's  
Summer Semester  
Tuesday – Thursday  
June 30<sup>th</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup>

**Be Prepared for a  
Summer of Fun!!**

Maa Sa Akhi's  
Summer Recital  
Thursday June 30<sup>th</sup>

**Come Prepared to  
Impress!!**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Encore 3 - Maa Sa Akhi's Prosperous New Endeavor

Encore3 is an innovative ecommerce company focused in providing products that promote wellness, health and fitness. Encore3 consists of four main lifestyle brands:

- **NATURE'S SYNERGY** (health and nutrition): this brand is focused on providing effective natural solutions to a variety of health issues, such as immune system support, pain management, weight management and dietary supplements.
- **ALLURE** (all natural beauty and skin care): this brand offers natural solutions to skincare, and expanding to include products for hair, bath and body and fragrance.
- **HOMELIFE** (home décor products): this brand is focused on providing organic, safe and energy efficient products that will create a clean and balanced home for you.
- **TECHLINK** (electronics): this brand collaborates with the best technological brand names to provide you with energy efficient technology that have great performance value.

**For this year's fundraiser, Maa Sa Akhi has teamed up with them! In order to assist Maa Sa Akhi with this wonderful fundraiser, there are a few things YOU can do.**

- **CREATE YOUR OWN STORE:** As a part of Maa Sa Akhi, you can create your own online store! And not only will Maa Sa Akhi benefit, you will also receive a percentage of revenue for every purchase made thru your store.
- **SPREAD THE WORD:** We can only make this work if people know about this venture. The more people who know about it, the people will shop here. So even if you don't want your own store, tell people about Maa Sa Akhi's store.
- **SHOP:** It is imperative that Maa Sa Akhi's stores have customers. So if there is a product that you need, go online and get it here! **SHOP NOW!!**

### Automatic Payments!!!

Maa Sa Akhi is implementing a system where tuition will be paid automatically! Parents will be able to set up automatic payments, which eliminates late payments and late fees.

This affords a more feasible, safe and secure way to pay tuition instead of having to make cash payments. Your personal and billing information will be kept safe and your receipts and payments easily accessible on your banking statements. Additionally, automatic payments will eliminate the use of paper receipts - you will definitely be doing your small part to preserve the Earth's resources.

### REMIND

REMIND, formerly REMIND 101, is a service which allows us to keep in touch with each family via text to your cell phone. If you can't get to a computer to get informed, REMIND will get the same message to you via your cell phone. We need our parents to sign up for this program immediately!

Please be advised that you will be receiving an invitation to join REMIND. If you have not already, please complete the sign procedure ASAP so that you can begin receiving our important updates and messages.

Thanks So Much!

## Maa Sa Akhi at PS 249

It's official! P.S. 249 has joined the Maa Sa Akhi family.

On Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup>, Mut Hefen began teaching choir to fifty 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in preparation for their elementary school graduation. At their graduation, the students will perform two Maa Sa Akhi classics, "Winner" and "Friends to the End" both originals songs by Mut Hefen with original tracks created by Mut Hefen's nephew, Enensa.

The students are extremely excited about their upcoming vocal debut. Some even volunteered to stay after school to keep practicing the songs! This is truly the beginning of a wonderful and prosperous partnership!

## EVENTS

### Tamar Jaundoo – National Performer



Maa Sa Akhi's stellar student, Tamar Jaundoo, is well on her way to becoming quite the accomplished performer! During spring break, Tamar performed at a school in Queens where she was approached and asked to give yet another performance. This time in North Carolina! From April 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, Tamar traveled down to North Carolina with her family and performed at the Ridgecrest Resort. Tamar played a medley of "God is So Good" and "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." Her performance blew the crowd away! This is only the start of great things to come for Tamar!

### Fredric Renaud in Concert – TWICE!!

The month of May began on a great note. The first weekend in May saw Fredric Renaud, a long time Maa Sa Akhi student, perform at two renowned venues. On Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Fredric performed Handel's Concerto Grosso in G major, Op. 6 No. 1, at Julliard, and delivered a riveting cello solo.

Then, on Sunday, Fredric performed at Carnegie Hall as a part of the Interschool Symphony, the highest level of achievement. With tickets ranging from \$10 per seat to \$5000 per seat, it was a full house! The performance was very well received. But a well-executed performance like this doesn't just happen. "Rehearsals are really intense. This is adult level music and you can't perform if you don't practice." – Fredric Renaud

As a member of the Interschool Symphony, Fredric has the chance to travel to different countries, such as Chile, Vienna and Scotland, and this summer, he will accompany the opera in a performance at the MET. Fredric has also received a scholarship from Julliard for a 6 week music program to the prestigious Interlochen Arts Academy this summer!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Black History Month Children's Day Celebration

Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup> was surely a day to remember! Maa Sa Akhi: Performing Arts Academy, in partnership with the Flatbush-Caton Market, hosted our second annual successful black history month treasure hunt. The event was a hit from beginning to end with amazing performances by extremely talented performers, most of whom are no older than 14 years old. The event kicked off with a piano performance by 6 year old Tamar Jaundoo accompanied by her teacher and Maa Sa Akhi's director, Hefen Sa Akhi, more affectionately known as Mut Hefen. Then, 9 year old Corine Jean, accompanied by her singing instructor Mr. Rashim, sang three original songs, each one spectacularly performed.



*Corine Jean sings one of her original songs.*

Next, was a perfectly executed piano rendition of Clementi's "Sonatina in C Major" by 10 year old Samien Mesadieou. His performance was followed by longtime Maa Sa Akhi student and Julliard freshman Fredric Renaud who performed an amazing and passionate cello performance of Bach's "Cello Suite # 3." Then, socially conscious 11year old rapper Amor Lil Man took the stage and delivered a powerful yet fun performance of his hits, "Stop the Violence" and "Pull your Pants Up."

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delivered a powerful yet fun performance of his hits, “Stop the Violence” and “Pull your Pants Up.” Finally Maa Sa Akhi’s “Wee Rock Band”, it’s members all age 10, and singers closed out the performance portion of the night with John Mayer’s “Waiting for the World to Change” and Pharell’s “Happy.”



*Maa Sa Akhi’s “Wee Rock Band” and singers perform a song.*

Throughout the night, attendees were called up and asked to read blurbs about famous black historical figures, such as Ella Fitzgerald, and inventions by black people throughout time, including chirognomy, the study of writing music notes, which was first created in Ancient Egypt. These historical facts were part of a treasure hunt which required its participants to memorize some of these facts and hunt through the Flatbush-Caton Market in search of answers to questions about these historical figures and inventions. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes were 4, 3 and 2 FREE music lessons, won by Nioka Gaudin, DaMario Quiones, and Jaden Phillip respectively, whose parents were truly elated! At the end of the night, all of the treasure hunt participants were given a gift from Maa Sa Akhi. This was truly an entertaining and educational event. See you next year!